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Section I: Programs

Number of accredited programs:

	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA
Accredited	15	158*	224
Candidate	14	16	15
Applicant	18	14	27
Total	47	188	266

Notes:
* Of the 158 accredited master's programs, 14 are transitioning to the doctorate and will withdraw from accreditation once the doctorate is accredited.
Accredited: The academic program is accredited by ACOTE®.
Candidate: The program has been granted candidate program status by ACOTE and can admit students, but has not yet completed the initial on-site evaluation that leads to granting accreditation.
Applicant: The academic program has submitted a letter of intent to apply for developing program status.

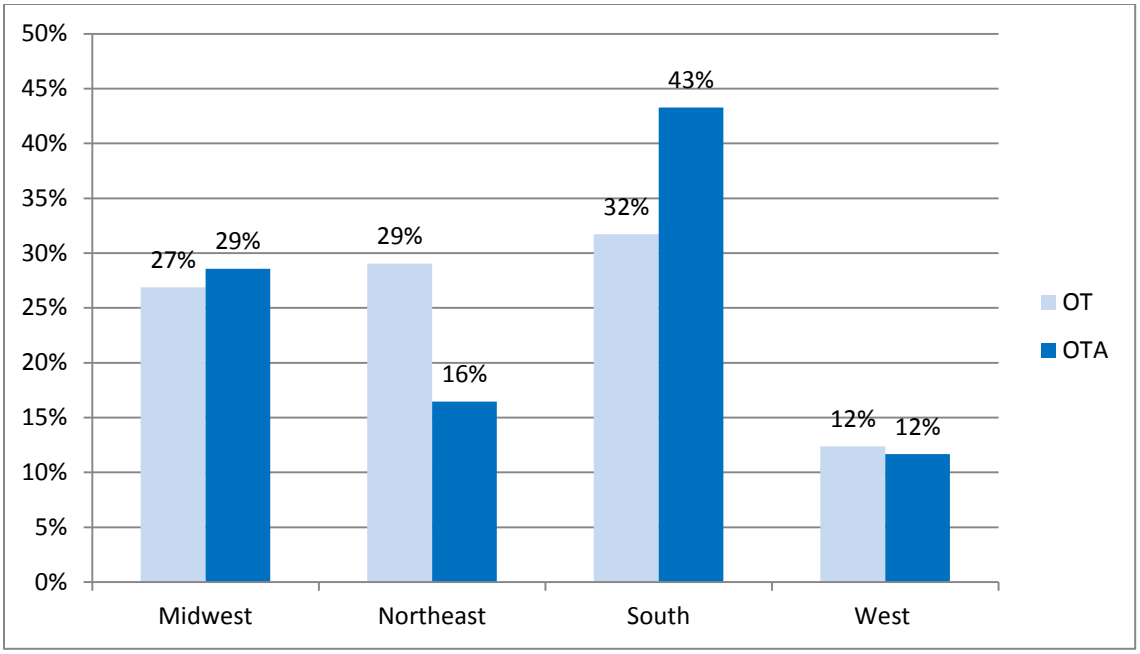
Number of additional locations:

	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA
Accredited	0	11	7
Candidate	0	0	1
Applicant	0	0	0
Total	0	11	8

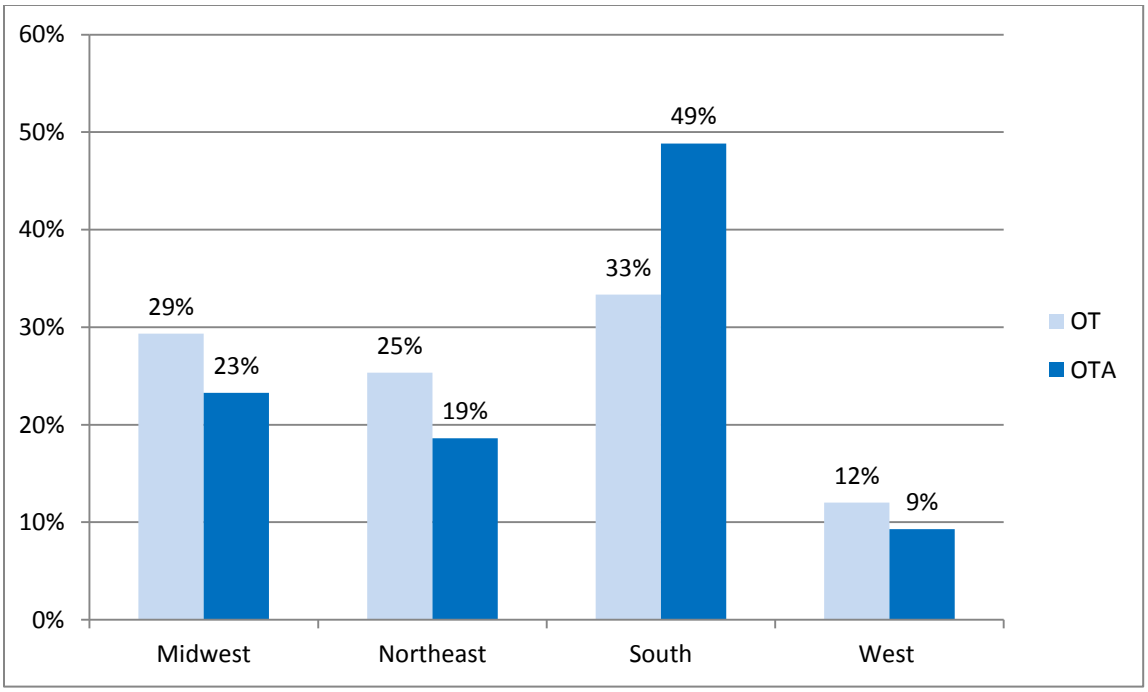
Total number of locations (both main campus and additional locations):

	OT Doctoral	OT Master's	OTA
Total Locations	47	199	274

Regional distribution of accredited programs:



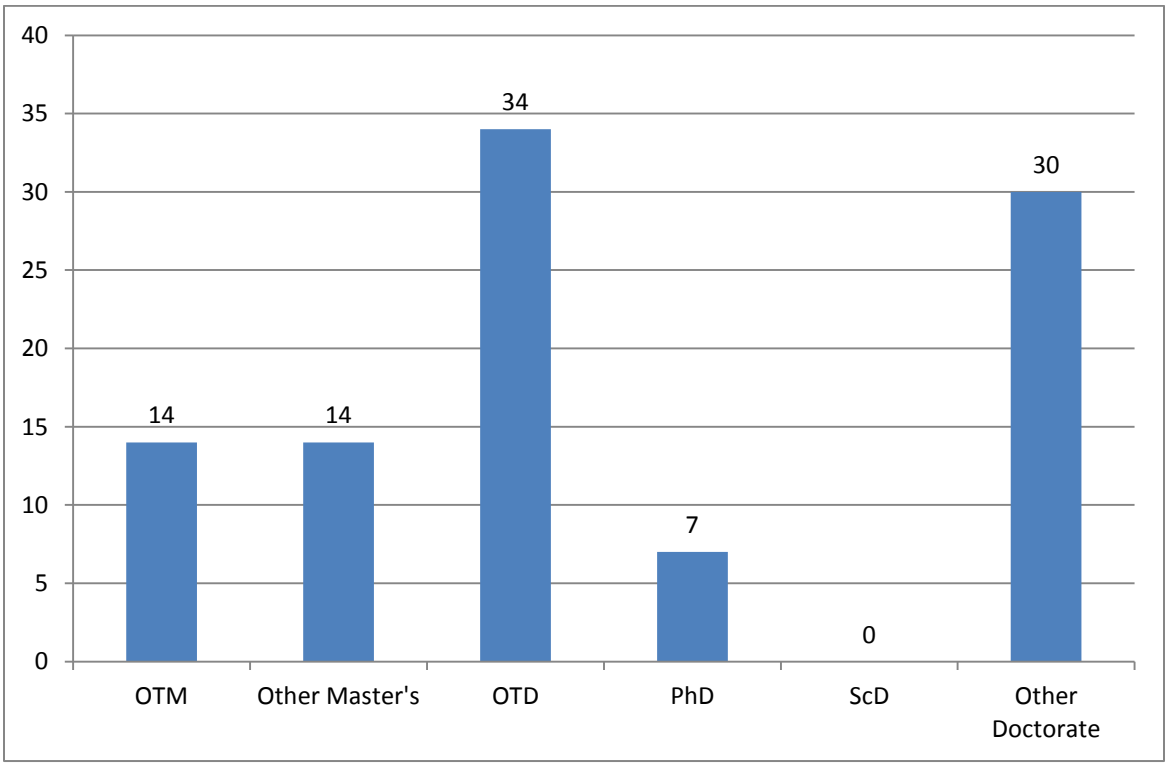
Regional distribution of applicant/candidate programs
(N= 75 OT) (N=43 OTA):



Post-professional programs offered at institutions housing OT programs:

Institutions currently offering a post-professional degree program for practicing OTs:		
	Number of Institutions	Percent
Yes	69	41%
No	101	59%
Total	170	100%

Degrees offered in post-professional programs:



Note: A number of institutions have more than one program option for practicing therapists.

Section II: Program Formats

Primary format:

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday	14	93%
Other formats: weekend, evenings, blended	1	8%
Total	15	100%

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students*:		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday	137	87%
Other formats: weekend, evenings, blended	21	13%
Total	158	100%

Programs for occupational therapy assistant students*:		
	Number of Programs	Percent
Weekday	204	95%
Other formats: weekend, evenings, blended	10	5%
Total	214	100%

* Note: A number of programs offer multiple tracks with different formats.

Percentage of programs offered by distance education:

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	6	40%
1%–24%	6	40%
25%–49%	2	13%
50%–74%	1	7%
75%–100%	0	0%
Total	15	100%

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:		
	Frequency	Percent
Zero %	53	34%
1%–24%	81	51%
25%–49%	12	8%
50%–74%	7	4%
75%–100%	5	3%
Total	158	100%

Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:		
	Frequency	Percent
0%	98	46%
1%–24%	71	33%
25%–49%	19	9%
50%–74%	6	3%
75%–100%	2	1%
Total	214	100%

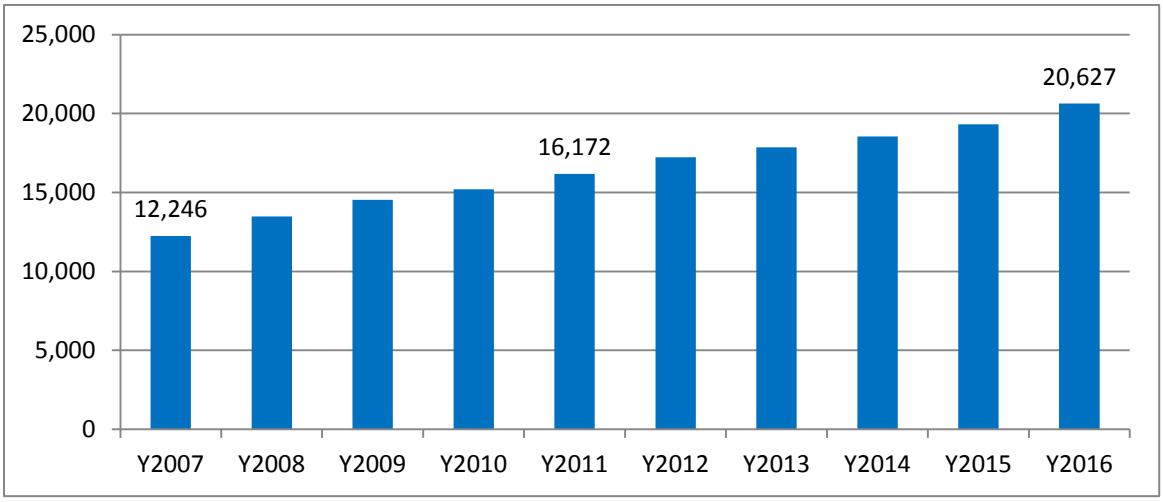
Section III: Students

Number of students currently enrolled:

Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapist:		
Master's	19,074	92%
Doctorate	1,553	8%
Total	20,627	100%

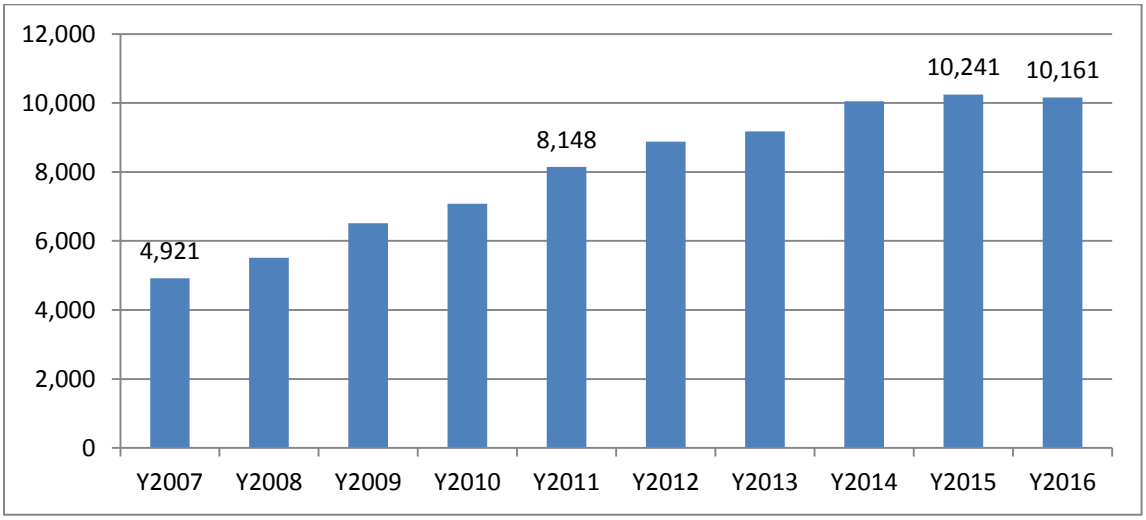
Students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant:		
Total	10,160	100%

Trends in enrollment: OT student enrollment:



Number of students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapist:							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Master's	14,825	15,767	16,799	17,342	17,837	18,535	19,074
Doctorate	383	405	425	508	713	779	1,553
Total	15,208	16,172	17,224	17,850	18,550	19,314	20,627

Trends in enrollment: OTA student enrollment:



Number of students preparing for entry into practice as an occupational therapy assistant:							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
	7,082	8,148	8,883	9,175	10,048	10,241	10,160

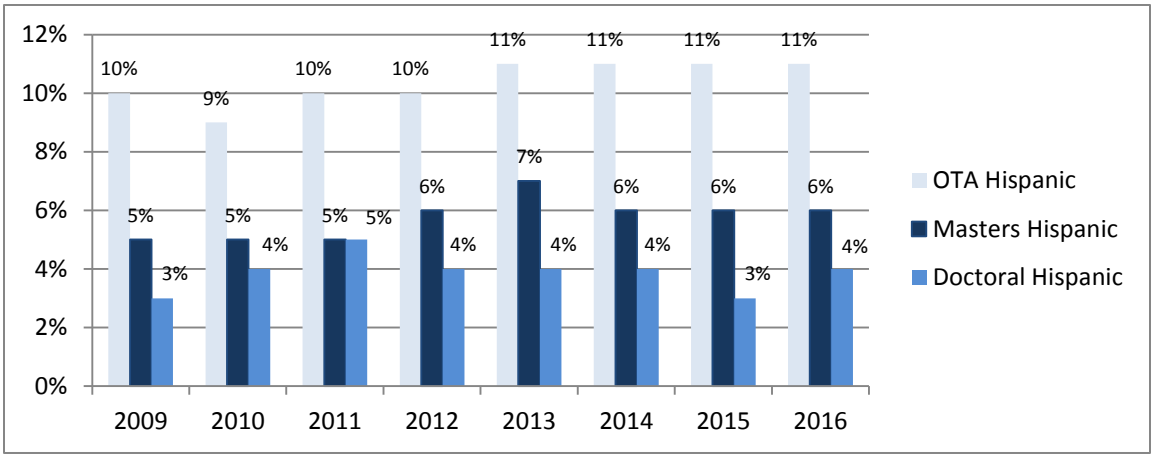
Applications:

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted
2013	183	721	160
2014	255	1,481	248
2015	299	1,973	288
2016	595	3,066	549

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted
2013	6,726	34,699	6,611
2014	7,070	40,839	6,945
2015	7,181	45,083	7,084
2016	7,395	44,934	7,236

Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:			
	Admission Slots	Applications Submitted	Number of Students Admitted
2013	7,248	14,933	6,726
2014	7,462	15,033	6,562
2015	7,608	14,372	6,428
2016	8,129	14,861	6,548

Ethnicity–Percent of enrolled students who self-identify as Hispanic:



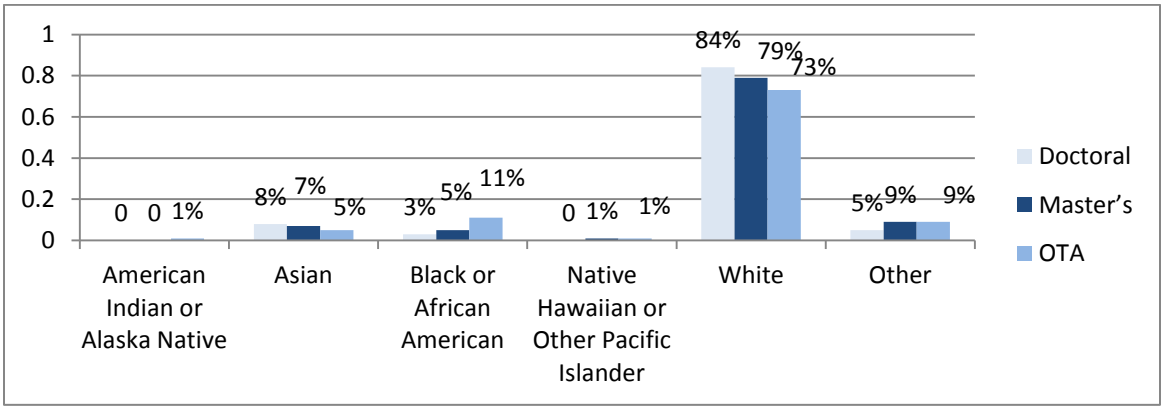
Self-identified ethnicity of doctoral-degree-level students		
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
2012	4%	96%
2013	4%	96%
2014	4%	96%
2015	3%	96%
2016	4%	96%

Self-identified ethnicity of master's-degree-level students		
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
2012	6%	94%
2013	7%	93%
2014	6%	94%
2015	6%	94%
2016	6%	94%

Self-identified ethnicity of associate-degree-level students		
	Hispanic	Non-Hispanic
2012	10%	90%
2013	11%	89%
2014	11%	89%
2015	11%	89%
2016	11%	89%

Race: Enrolled students' self-identified race:

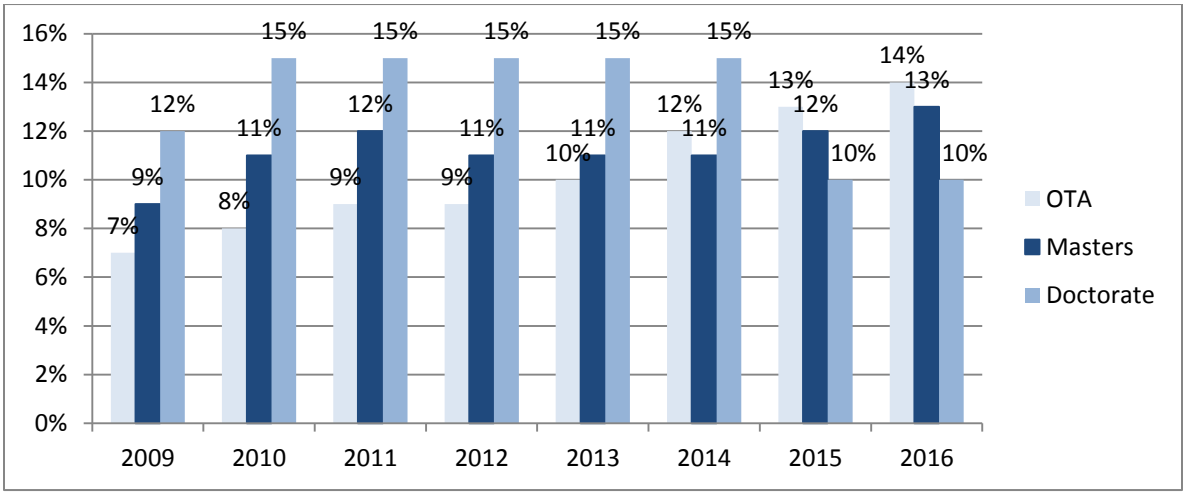
Student Race:						
	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	Other
Doctoral	0%	8%	3%	0%	84%	5%
Master's	0%	7%	5%	1%	79%	9%
OTA	1%	5%	11%	1%	73%	9%



Gender: Enrolled students' self-identified gender:

Student gender:			
	Doctoral	Master's	OTA
Male	10%	13%	14%
Female	90%	87%	86%

Trends: Percentage of student population self-identifying as male:



Section IV: Faculty

Faculty member numbers:

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:				
	Positions	% of Total FTEs	Vacant	% of Total Vacant FTEs
FTE—Full Time	137	69%	17	11%
FTE—Part Time	19	10%	1.5	7%
FTE—Adjunct	42.5	21%	0	0%

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:				
	Positions	% of Total FTEs	Vacant	% of Total Vacant FTEs
FTE—Full Time	1,306	56%	104	7%
FTE—Part Time	147	6%	7.5	5%
FTE—Adjunct	896	38%	19	2%

Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:				
	Positions	% of total FTE's	Vacant	% of Total Vacant FTE's
FTE—Full Time	575	50%	22	4%
FTE—Part Time	94.5	8%	2	2%
FTE—Adjunct	479	42%	15	5%

Faculty-to-student ratios:

Doctoral-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lecture (n=15)	1:5	1:63	1:30
Lab (n=15)	1:5	1:18	1:15

Master's-degree-level programs for occupational therapy students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lecture (n=158)	1:10	1:60	1:30
Lab (n=158)	1:7	1:30	1:14

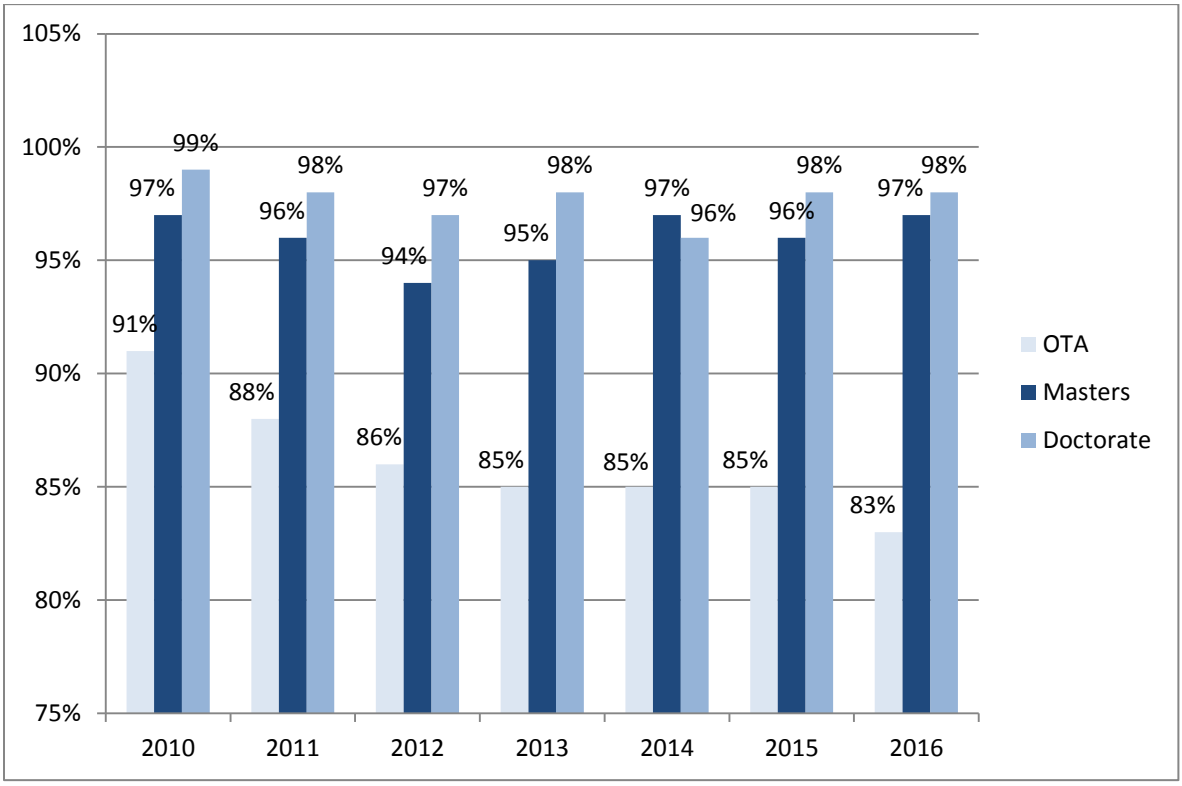
Associate-degree-level programs for occupational therapy assistant students:			
	Minimum	Maximum	Median
Lecture (n=268)	1:4	1:48	1:20
Lab (n=268)	1:4	1:20	1:12

Section V: Outcomes

Program retention rates:

Retention Rates:			
	Doctoral	Master's	OTA
2012	97%	94%	86%
2013	98%	95%	85%
2014	96%	97%	85%
2015	98%	96%	85%
2016	98%	97%	83%

Program retention rate trends:



Program Graduates:

Number of graduates:			
	Doctoral—OT	Master's—OT	OTA
2012	111	5,164	4,233
2013	108	5,439	4,313
2014	136	5,875	4,914
2015	184	6,153	5,020
2016	221	6,485	5,472

Certification exam new graduate pass rates:

Occupational therapy graduates:				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Passed	5,268	5,715	5,948	6,448
Candidates	5,396	5,848	6,052	6,549
Percentage	98%	98%	98%	98%

(2016: OT Master's = 98%, OT Doctorate = 100%)
(2017: OT Master's = 98%; OT Doctorate = 100%)

Occupational therapy assistant graduates:				
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Passed	4,028	4,206	4,488	4,495
Candidates	4,236	4,512	4,905	4,839
Percentage	95%	93%	91%	93%

Program fieldwork Level II pass rates:

FW Level II Pass Rates:			
	Placements	Passed	%
Doctoral	701	689	98%
Master's	13,153	12,887	98%
OTA	9,660	9,408	97%

Employment:

Employment as reported by programs:			
Percent of graduates employed in OT/OTA position within 6 months of graduation.	Number of Doctoral OT	Number of Master's OT	Number of OTA
1%–24%	0	3	10
25%–49%	0	7	24
50%–74%	3	17	63
75%–100%	6	127	114

NOTE: A total of 6 Doctoral, 4 Master's, and 13 OTA programs had no graduates in the reporting period.

Starting salary:

Average starting salary as reported by programs:			
Average Salary Range	Number Doctoral OT	Number of Master's OT	Number of OTA
0–$20,000	0	8	40
$20,001–$40,000	0	1	52
$40,001–$60,000	4	46	122
$60,001–$ 80,000	5	101	9
$80,001–$100,000	1	4	0

First practice area

Employment as reported by programs:			
	Doctoral OT	Master's OT	OTA
Early intervention	3%	6%	6%
Community	3%	2%	2%
Outpatient	17%	17%	12%
Home health	3%	3%	5%
Hospital	28%	16%	6%
Inpatient	10%	11%	8%
Long-term care	11%	20%	47%
Mental health	4%	3%	2%
School	8%	12%	9%
Other	14%	9%	5%